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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

DEAR BILL: AS THE HOLIDAY SEASON ONCE AGAIN APPROACHES, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN ALL-TOO-BRIEF MOMENT TO EXTEND BETTY'S AND MY BEST WISHES TO JANET, TO YOU, AND TO THE ENTIRE STAFF OF EMBASSY KUWAIT.

I HOPE THAT THE COMING MONTHS WILL BRING US THE GOOD FORTUNE OF INFLUENCING AN EVER-STEADIER, SURER, AND MORE POSITIVE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ALTHOUGH 1974 HAS SEEN PROGRESS IN THIS REGARD WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDREAMED OF SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WE OBVIOUSLY REMAIN A LONG WAY YET FROM OUR GOALS OF PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STABILITY IN THE AREA. TO ACHIEVE THESE, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO RELY HEAVILY ON THE CREATIVE TALENT AND SHEER ENERGY THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE SO ADMIRABLY GENERATED DURING THE PAST YEAR. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU ALL WILL MORE THAN MAINTAIN THE FINE PROFESSIONAL REPUTATIONS WHICH YOU HAVE EARNED AT A KEY POST.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT HELP AND SUPPORT - MERRY CHRIST-
MAS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS 1975. SINCERELY,
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